

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

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Subject: Portability of Funds
Section: Contracted Services

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A. Policy Statement

The Department of Developmental Services supports the rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities to exercise the freedom to establish how they live and spend their time, to have authority over some of the resources used on their behalf, to choose the supports they receive and from whom they receive these supports.

Based on an individual's Level of Need, resources are allocated to purchase supports and services. The individual and his/her team determine the supports needed and from whom they will receive these supports. Based on this, a service authorization is issued. If an individual is dissatisfied with the services and supports they are receiving, they have the right to choose another provider or to self direct their own services and have their funding follow them.

B. Applicability

This policy shall apply to individuals receiving any service funded, provided or contracted by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). It is applicable to Southbury Training School, Regional Centers, Public and Private Community Residential Services and Public and Private Day Services and all self directed services.

The use of portability for individuals involuntarily placed by the courts may have additional restrictions as governed by judicial processes.

C. Definitions

Individual: for the purpose of this procedure the individual refers to the person with intellectual disabilities served by DDS.

Portable funds: The money allocated to support an individual, based on a person's Level of Need, and used to serve that person through a service authorization between the department and a private provider. These are resources already available to the individual that can be used to purchase the needed services from the provider of their choosing or by self directing their supports.

D. References

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E. Attachments

None